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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trade sentiment fully steady to firm on whole turkeys. Inquiry light to fair on hens and toms for current shipment, fair to good for deferred. Frozen commodity Midwest open priced trading light for May shipment price with 67 cent delivered price ceilings. Offerings light for current shipment, light to adequate for deferred. Some processors becoming reluctant to offer out or bid on major blocks of whole turkeys based on May-June production due to concerns of being over sold, while others check production schedules and hold unsold product with confidence. Trading light to fair on fresh tom breast, light on the balance.

EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Demand light to fair centering on frozen thigh meat. Some interest noted on drums and frozen skin added mechanically separated turkey. Trading light. Offerings of frozen thigh meat uneven with new production the least available.

SAN FRANCISCO TURKEYS (CENTS PER LB) DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	<u>RANGE</u>
TURKEYS Y HENS	82-89
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	79-89
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	79-89
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	82-89
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	88-103

LOS ANGELES PROCESSED TURKEYS (CENTS PER LB) DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	<u>RANGE</u>
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	74-90
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 28# & UP	82-99
BREASTS 10-12#	163-198
COOKED ROLLS 60/40% 9# & UP	

	<u>RANGE</u>
<u>DELIVERED TO RETAILERS</u>	
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	77-85
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	77-85
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	67-69
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	67-70
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	73-76

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/					FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/			OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/	
	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	64	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	64	-	-	-	-	-	-	200	MAY
WESTERN REGION 5/	64	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	65	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	65	-	-	-	-	-	-	200	MAY
WESTERN REGION 5/	65	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days. 3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting. 6/ Includes product committed for pricing during the previous 24 hours but shipment in more than 14 days from date of commitment. 7/ Includes product committed during previous 24 hours at prices to be determined at later date.

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NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 19 APRIL, 1999.

Trade sentiment steady to weak, mostly steady to barely steady on fresh tom breast meat and frozen tom drums, tom full-cut wings steady to barely steady, tom 2-joint wings steady. Offerings of hen parts generally noted in a better position than tom. Some export buyer interest noted on frozen thigh meat for new production going unfilled with the buyer being offered older product instead. Trading light to fair on fresh tom breast meat, light on the balance of items.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		R	95.89	440
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		R	125.00	42
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		R	90.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	19.00		19.00	20
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		F	19.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		F	17.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	23.50-24.00		23.67	60
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		R	24.00	5
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		R	19.00	3
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		R	37.00	43
NECKS, TOM		R	18.27	44
NECKS, HEN		R	17.00	5
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		R	178.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	187.00-195.00		190.75	320
THIGH MEAT	44.00		44.00	40
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		F	44.50	40
BREAST TRIM MEAT		F	118.00	50
SCAPULA MEAT		W	110.00	80
TENDERLOINS		F	138.00	13
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		F	159.00	80
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		F	69.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	14.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	15.50		15.50	160
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		W	16.25	208
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	24.00		24.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	18.00	208
TAILS		F	18.13	208
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	13.33	240
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	43.50		43.50	52

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.): M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Breasts are bagged; rib, back, and wing meat included; and basted. 3/ Without tenderloins. 4/ Product contains 15-20% fat with skin added.